

Life of **ABRAHAM
LINCOLN**

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HERE



*From Log Cabin
to the
White House*

5AM \$1.00

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BORN 1809 DIED 1865

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Greetings from



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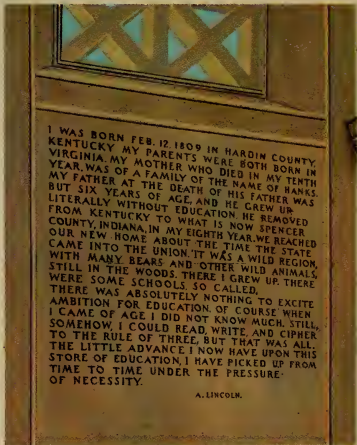
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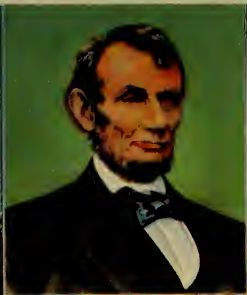
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Born February 12, 1809
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LINCOLN NATIONAL MEMORIAL



16TH PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES



*Hodgenville
Ky.*

LINCOLN

Died April 15, 1865
WASHINGTON, D. C.



LINCOLN BIRTHPLACE

LINCOLN CABIN, BIRTHPLACE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, KENTUCKY

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS BORN IN THIS CABIN IN HARDIN COUNTY ON FEB. 12, 1809

Memorial Marking Spot where Lincoln Family entered Illinois from Indiana 1830



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IN THE LATE WINTER OF 1830 A TEN MILES AFTER HIS 30TH BIRTHDAY
ABRAHAM LINCOLN PASSED THIS WAY WITH HIS FATHER'S FAMILY
ENTERING THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FIRST TIME

Located Illinois Side of Lincoln Memorial Bridge, Vincennes, Ind.

Onstot's Cooper Shop and Residence, New Salem State Park, Lincoln's New Salem, Ill.



Abraham Lincoln studied here by the Light of the Fire kindled by the Cooper's Shavings

Abraham Lincoln and Ann Rutledge in their Courting Days



Berry-Lincoln Store, New Salem State Park, Lincoln's New Salem, Ill.



Lincoln was William F. Berry's Partner in this Store in 1833

Dining Room, Abraham Lincoln's Home, Springfield, Illinois



ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S HOME, CORNER EIGHTH AND JACKSON. SPRINGFIELD. ILL.



LINCOLN LIVED HERE WITH HIS FAMILY FOR 17 YEARS, 1844-1861



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*The Old Log Court House,
where Abraham Lincoln Practiced Law,
Fairview Park, Decatur, Illinois*



Hill Residence, Hill-McNamar (McNeil) Store, Berry-Lincoln Store, Lukins and Ferguson Residence



Lincoln lived in the Village of New Salem, Ill. from 1831-1837

Abraham Lincoln National Historical Park, Hodgenville, Ky.



Lincoln Birthplace

HE WAS THE NORTH, THE SOUTH, THE EAST, THE WEST,
THE THRALL, THE MASTER, ALL OF US IN ONE;
THERE WAS NO SECTION THAT HE HELD THE BEST;
HIS LOVE SHOWN AS IMPARTIAL AS THE SUN;
AND SO REVENGE APPEALED TO HIM IN VAIN,
HE SMILED AT IT AS AT A THING FORLORN,
GENTLY PUT IT FROM HIM, ROSE AND STOOD
A MOMENT'S SPACE IN PAIN,
REMEMBERING THE PRAIRIES AND THE CORN
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MAURICE THOMPSON

THE COLOR OF THE GROUND WAS IN HIM THE RED EARTH;
THE SMELL AND SMACK OF ELEMENTAL THINGS;
THE RECTITUDE AND PATIENCE OF THE CLIFF;
THE ODD WILL OF THE RAIN THAT LOVES ALL LEAVES;
THE FRIENDLY WELCOME OF THE WATERSIDE WELL;
THE COURAGE OF THE BIRD THAT DARES THE SEA;
THE GLADNESS OF THE WIND THAT SHAKES THE CORN;
THE MERCY OF THE SNOW THAT HIDES ALL SCARS;
THE SECRET OF STREAMS THAT MAKE THEIR WAY
BENEATH THE MOUNTAINS TO THE RIFTED ROCK;
THE UNOBTAINING JUSTICE OF THE LIGHT
THAT GIVES AS FREELY TO THE SHRINEING FLOWER
AS TO THE GREAT OAK FLARING TO THE WIND
TO THE GRAVE'S LOW HILL AS TO THE MATTERHORN
THAT SHOULDER OUT THE EKY.

EDWIN MARKHAM

Inscriptions in Memorial Hall

Hill-McNamar (McNeill) Store, New Salem State Park, Lincoln's New Salem, Ill.



Abraham Lincoln served the latter Portion of his Postmastership here

Entrance, Abraham Lincoln's Home, 1844-1861, Springfield, Illinois



Northeast Corner of Eighth and Jackson

White House, Washington, D. C.



Lincoln, the President.



IN THIS TEMPLE
AS IN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE
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Interior of Lincoln Monument, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill.



Final Resting Place of Abraham Lincoln—16th President of the U. S. A.

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In his plain, unassuming manner Abraham Lincoln wrote in his autobiography as follows:

At twenty-one, I came to Illinois, and passed the first year in Macon County. Then I got to New Salem, at that time in Sangamon, now in Menard County, where I remained a year as sort of a clerk in a store. Then came the Black Hawk war, and I was elected a Captain of Volunteers, a success which gave me more pleasure than any I have had since. I went (through) the campaign, was elected, ran for the Legislature the same year (1832), and was beaten—the only time I have ever been beaten by the people. The next and three succeeding biennial elections, I was elected to the Legislature. I was not a candidate afterwards. During this Legislative period, I had studied law, and removed to Springfield to practise it. In 1846, I was once elected to the Lower House of Congress. Was not a candidate for reelection. From 1849 to 1854, both inclusive, practised law more assiduously than ever before. Always a Whig in politics, and generally on the Whig electoral tickets, making active canvasses. I was losing interest in politics, when the repeal of the Missouri Compromise aroused me again. What I have done since then is pretty well known.

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When all of the long ago log cabins had been completed, the village was dedicated with state-wide ceremonies and a great historical pageant. The dedication took place on September 6-7, 1918. Later the recreated village was taken over by the State of Illinois and made a state park, and a museum and a caretaker's home was built. In the museum are many Lincoln relics, a valuable and wonderfully interesting collection. Among them are the saddle bags which Lincoln used when riding the circuit of Illinois towns as a country lawyer, during which time he tried some historic cases. One was the famous Duff Armstrong murder trial.

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